

June 16, 1953

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Chairman  
Arizona Power Authority  
128 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Re: Travel Expenses.

Dear Sir:

Subsequent to my letter dated June 12, 1953, several matters have been called to my attention which, I believe, warrant a reconsideration of the opinion rendered in the above mentioned letter.

Section 12-713, A.C.A. 1939, Supp., was amended in 1945. This amendment substituted the words "his designated post of duty" for the words "the point where he is required by law to maintain his office". It may readily be seen that prior to the amendment, this statute authorized reimbursement for travel expenses only in the event the person involved was required to travel from the point where he was required by law to maintain his office. Likewise, if the person was not required by law to maintain an office at any particular point, he was not entitled to reimbursement. In recognition of the fact that in many instances persons who were required to travel on public business did not have an office, as required by law, the Legislature expanded the scope of who was entitled to reimbursement by amending said statute to read "from his designated post of duty".

In establishing the Power Authority and providing for a Commission made up of members who are private business men residing throughout the State of Arizona, it is plain to see that the designated post of duty would be at those places where the individual member of the Commission was required to be in the exercise of his private affairs. If called to attend a Commission meeting, he then would be traveling from his designated post of duty to the meeting place, wherever that may be, and as such

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would be entitled to reimbursement for his expenses. In other words, in construing the intent of the Legislature in Section 12-713, supra, we think it to be reasonable to read into said section the words "to and" immediately preceding "from his designated post of duty."

Please be advised that it is the opinion of the Attorney General that the opinion rendered in this office, dated June 12, shall be amended to conform to the ruling herein set forth.

Yours very truly,

PWLAP/CMG

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Attorney General